

## AMONG THE CHURCHES.

## A SUMMARY OF THE RELIGIOUS NEWS OF THE STATE.

An Outline of the Influence Exerted by The Churches in North Carolina—Items of Interest.

May 4th, Evangelist Fife begins at Gastonia. He will preach in a tent that will hold 2,000. On April 17th he will begin a meeting in Rocky Mount. Services will be held in the Nash county warehouse.

Bill Fife, the evangelist, has closed a meeting at Laurinburg. A purse of \$250 was presented to him. The Laurinburg Exchange has an earnest article, one column in length, giving the result of the meeting. We quote: "Of the effect of his series of meetings, which closed last night, God only can fully judge of the great good done. The first noticeable effect was that, for the first time in the history of Laurinburg, most of the business men closed their stores to attend and let their clerks attend all the services. Another was the revival of the active church members, begetting a spirit of work which pervaded the entire membership of all denominations, and was demonstrated in direct and various ways. Another was the reconciliation of men and women who had been estranged from each other for months and years. Another was the pledges of hundreds of men to drive liquor from the land, and the pledges of hundreds of ladies to refuse the company of young men whose breaths are laden with the scent of rum, and also the promises of thirty men and women to erect family altars in their homes. Another was the reclamation of at least 150 backsliders and the conversion of 150 sinners, both men and women, boys and girls, the conversion of a large number of all classes and already 75 applications for church membership."

## THE LUTHERAN CHURCH.

In St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Wilmington, Rev. F. W. E. Peschan, pastor, the Easter services were the grandest in the history of the church for thirty years. There were the finest decorations, the largest congregations and the largest number of communicants ever witnessed in the church. Twenty-one members were added to the church.

## The N. C. Synod.

The 8th convention of the N. C. Synod will be held in St. Luke's Lutheran church near Lexington, in Davidson county, beginning May 2, 1890. The opening sermon will be preached by the retiring President, Rev. F. W. E. Peschan, of Wilmington. Rev. C. B. King, of Salisbury, is the secretary. This is one of three Lutheran Synods represented in North Carolina, and numbers over 6,000 members. Rev. Prof. D. W. Michael is the pastor of the church in which the Synod meets.

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The Presbytery of Fayetteville convenes in the Presbyterian church next Tuesday night, April 15th, and will be opened with a sermon from the retiring Moderator, Rev. P. R. Law, of Lumberton.

Buffalo, Pocket and Jonesboro churches have engaged Mr. D. N. McLaughlin to preach for them during the summer vacation. He is a student now at Union Theological Seminary.—Sanford Express.

The pastor and members of Carthage Presbyterian church were made glad on last Sabbath when eleven noble young men presented themselves to be numbered among God's people. Ten united with the church.—N. C. Presbyterian.

The Fayetteville Observer tells us that a very earnest and interesting meeting was carried on the week before at the Presbyterian mission in Campbellton, conducted by Rev. T. P. Barclay, with the assistance of Mr. W. P. Fife on Wednesday evening. The meeting closed on Tuesday night with the addition of fourteen to the membership of the mission.

The fifth Sabbath of March was a delightful day to the Presbyterian congregation of Concord. Two children and two adults were baptized and thirty-two new members—one on certificate and thirty-one on profession of faith—were received into full membership. This is the first ingathering into the church since the meeting held in our midst by W. P. Fife.—N. C. Presbyterian.

## METHODIST CHURCH.

Rev. W. B. North will go to Beaufort Monday to assist Rev. Geo. F. Smith in a protracted meeting.

The District Conference for the Warrenton district, will be held with the church in Tolson, April 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th.

Our good and pious young townsman John W. Wallace has offered himself to the Southern Methodist Foreign Board, and is now preparing to go to China to preach the gospel for the heathen in that benighted land.—Wilson Mirror.

Presiding Elder Rev. J. J. Renn, of Salisbury, tells the CHRONICLE that Mr. Ben. Ludwig, who is not a church member, has given a lot and built a parsonage 1½ miles from Salisbury on Salisbury circuit. He will aid largely to build a church.

## BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. J. A. Bridges has been ordained to the ministry at Springhope, Nash county.

Rev. J. E. Hutson, of Virginia, is preaching in protracted services in the Baptist church of Goldsboro.

The series of meetings are still in progress at the Baptist Church. Rev. A. E. Owen, D. D., of Portsmouth, is conducting the services, assisted by the pastor, Rev. R. VanDeventer.—Henderson Gold Leaf.

Rev. W. A. Nelson, pastor of the First Baptist church, has just received a check for \$500 from J. D. Rockefeller, of New York, to be applied to the completion of their Mission church, in West-end, near the old depot, in this city.—Asheville Journal.

A church has been organized at Ruffin by Rev. W. R. Gwaltney and Rev. W. L. Wright. The membership is strong, and a site has been secured upon which a church will shortly be erected.

The following additional delegates to the Southern Baptist convention have been appointed, viz.: J. M. McManaway, T. T. Speight, C. M. Cooke, J. C. Turner, B. B. Jones, J. L. Morgan, D. M. Stanton, Simeon Wooten and L. H. Adams.

The church in Wilson has extended a unanimous and enthusiastic call to Rev. E. W. Battle, of Newbern. Bro. Battle has greatly improved matters in Newbern, and has added a number of valuable members to the church, so much so that he will find it hard to accept a call anywhere.—Biblical Recorder.

The Orphanage Wants Money Rather Than Love.

(J. H. Mills' Charity and Children.)

We have ten orphans from Raleigh. Nine of them are motherless as well as fatherless, all are in good health and doing as well as could be expected. No, we cannot neglect our work to answer so many inquiries by mail and by wire. Those who are so concerned about them should send us money, food and clothes which are really necessary for them. Do not send any more "love" Orphans appreciate love put in practice, illustrated in life; but the "empty sound" they treat with contempt.

## PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH.

Work will soon begin on the new church in Reidsville. It will be a neat and commodious church.

Zion's Landmark, organ of this church, published semi-monthly, is one of the neatest and most attractive of our religious publications. It is in magazine shape, a model of typographical beauty. Its editor, ELDER P. D. GOLD, is one of the biggest brained preachers this writer knows. He is a good scholar, a strong and trenchant writer, and a wise and prudent man. His paper is largely circulated, and probably has more subscribers throughout the United States than any paper published in the State.

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

## Centennial Celebration.

June 5th, 1790 the Episcopalians held their first meeting after the Revolution. Shortly after that time in Tarboro, Rev. Chas. Pettigrew was elected Bishop, but was never consecrated, and the Diocese of North Carolina was not regularly organized until 1817. However, much interest has always been felt about the attempt to organize in 1790, and a centennial celebration will be held in Cavalry Church, Tarboro, beginning May 17th. The following programme has been arranged for what will be an interesting and inspiring occasion:

Friday, May 16th.

8 p. m.—Evening Prayer.

1. Opening Address—Bishop Lyman.

2. Address of Welcome from the Parish—Judge Phillips.

3. The Church in relation to the Anglo-Saxon Race—Hon. A. M. Wadell.

4. The Church: Its Catholic Character—Rev. Dr. Hughes.

Saturday, May 17th.

9:30 a. m.—Morning Prayer.

1. The Church in the Province of North Carolina—Rev. Jos. Blount Chesler, Jr.

2. Colonial Churchmen of North Carolina—Hon. Kemp P. Battle, LL. D.

3. Colonial Parishes and Schools—Rev. Robert B. Prange.

4. Religious Antecedents of the Settlers of North Carolina—Hon. Wm. L. Saunders.

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